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TOPIC Observations in Riga Harbor		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. On 16 June 1955, when the observing vessel passed Daenamuende on her way to Riga, one two-stack destroyer, one single-stack frigate or torpedo boat and two repair ships or depot vessels were moored in the central harbor basin.

20 to 25 Soviet PT boats were chocked up ashore.

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2. the Muehlgraben shipyard, there was only little activity in the shipyard. A merchant vessel of between 2,000 and 3,000 GRT was accommodated in a floating dock, while the second floating dock was empty.

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3. the town Riga the external aspect of the streets had improved most extraordinarily. The streets were clean, the numerous parks and greens were well kept and richly adorned with flowers. The inhabitants were clean, some of them even modern clothes and the cut of men's suits had become very similar to that of the American fashion. Numerous and various uniforms, however, were a predominant feature on the streets in Riga, and considerably exceeded the number of civilian clothes. The bluish-gray airforce uniforms and the blue navy uniforms particularly the great number of airforce members was due to the existence of airfields near Riga, and that the numerous navy men in the streets belonged to a large naval college in Riga.

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4. Modern and elegant trolleybuses, which replaced the obsolete street cars in steadily growing numbers, were a striking feature in the city. great number of private sedans. On the other hand, the displays in shops were rather poor and commodities of every description were still scarce. Shops displaying electrical articles were remarkably scarce. There was, however, one shop which offered TV sets at about 3,600 rubles and broadcast sets at prices ranging between about 1,900 and 3,000 rubles.

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